

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

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SIR:

In response to the Final Rejection dated August 23, 2005, please: consider the responsive Remarks provided herewith in Attachment A; and please amend the above identified application as follows:

- Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of the claims provided herewith in Attachment B, and
- An English Translation of a Japanese document submitted July 8, 2005 is provided herewith in Attachment C

In view of the amendments made and the remarks provided, it is submitted that upon entrance of the amendment, the present application will be placed in condition for allowance.

Date: January 23, 2006

Respectfully submitted,

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